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Title:	DEVICE FOR SECURING A BLOOD VESSEL CANNULA TO A BODY		

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Commissioner:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed February 2, 2004.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6,428,515 B1	08-2002	Bierman et al.			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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